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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Hanley, Jr. et al.
Appl. No.: 09/560,288
Filed: April 27, 2000
For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING HUMAN
INTERVERTEBRAL DISC CELLS

Group Art Unit: 1633
Examiner: Kerr, J.

February 13, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 13, 2000 and having a three month period for response (said period having been extended), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Specification:

Page 1, line 5, after "08/979,674" insert -- now U.S. Patent No. 6,080,579, issued June 27, 2000 --.

In The Claims:

Please Cancel Claims 1-9.

10. (Once amended) A therapeutic composition for use in treating human disc diseases comprising an implantation carrier in the form of a hydrogel in admixture with *in vitro*